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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
**Proposed No Further Action Determination**

**NEWARK GROUP INC. CASE #2**  
**800 CHURCH STREET, STOCKTON, SAN JOQUIN COUNTY**  
**Case #391188**  
**GeoTracker Global ID:**  
**T10000004123**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on the proposed No Further Action Determination and closure of the Newark Group Inc. Case #2 underground storage tank case, located at 800 Church Street in Stockton, CA (Site). A map showing the Site investigation area and the current remaining extent of petroleum impact to groundwater is attached as Figure 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**  
1 April Month through 5 June 2021 (65 days)

**CASE SUMMARY:**

The site is located at 800 West Church Street, Stockton, California (site). In August 1985, two 4,000-gallon diesel underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed from the southwest corner of the site. An investigation that was performed in this area in 2005 identified elevated concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater. In January 2001, the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department provided site closure for three USTs in the southeast corner of the site: one 210,000-gallon #6 fuel oil UST and two 4,000-gallon #6 fuel oil USTs. An investigation performed in this area in 2005 identified elevated concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater in this area as well.

Between 2012 and 2017, further environmental investigations were completed in the southwest and southeast corners of the site and included collection of soil, soil gas, and groundwater samples. These investigations defined the lateral and vertical extent of the environmental impacts at the site. Regular groundwater monitoring was conducted at the site between 2014 and 2020. Current Site conditions indicate that petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations in groundwater beneath the Site are decreasing, and that the current maximum extent of the hydrocarbon plume beneath the Site is stable or decreasing. The current maximum extent of the hydrocarbon plume in groundwater at the site is shown in attached Figure 1. Based on recent trends, petroleum hydrocarbons concentrations are expected to decrease to background levels by 2029.

Other than the removal of impacted soil during the removal of Site USTs, there has been no active remediation (cleanup) of the petroleum hydrocarbons released from the former UST system. However, the remaining hydrocarbon impact to soil, soil gas, and groundwater does not appear to pose any significant threat to human health or the environment or to commercial use of the Site; therefore, AECOM Technical Services recommends this site for closure under California's *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy* (LTCP). Once all public comments have been reviewed, the Central Valley Water Board will consider closing the case.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Additional information is available on the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker website at <http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/> and the case file, which is available for review at the Central Valley Water Board office in Rancho Cordova. To make an appointment for a file review, please call (916) 464-3291.

Please contact Alan M. Buehler with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments/questions regarding the Newark Group Inc. Case #2 release, the cleanup activities at the site, or any of the information in this Fact Sheet:

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## **Notice to the Hearing Impaired**

TDD users can obtain information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact the Central Valley Water Board at (916) 464-3291 regarding the proposed "No Further Action" determination for the Newark Group Inc. Case #2 release.

## **Attachments:**

Figure 1 – Site Map showing the current remaining extent of petroleum impact to groundwater above water quality objectives

